

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) The flue gas washer according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the droplet separator packets packs [[(15)]] have reinforced end portions for the arrangement of the support ~~ing construction~~ structure [[(7)]].

3. (currently amended) The flue gas washer according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the reinforced end portions [[(6)]] are formed in a box-like manner.

4. (currently amended) The flue gas washer according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the reinforced end portions [[(6)]] are penetrated by at least one rod-like ~~supporting member~~ post [[(9)]].

5. (currently amended) The flue gas washer according to claim 4, 5 characterized in that a plurality of rod-like ~~supporting member posts~~ posts [[(9)]] are connected with one another by a spray pipe carrying element [[(10)]].

6. (currently amended) The flue gas washer according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rod-like ~~supporting~~

member posts [[9]] consist of several parts and have a connection point outside of the reinforced end portions [[6]].

7. (currently amended) The flue gas washer according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein one rod-like supporting member post [[9]] or a plurality thereof extend upwardly and downwardly from the reinforced end portion [[6]].

8. (currently amended) The flue gas washer according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a rod-like supporting member post [[9]] is insertable into a reinforced end portion [[6]].

9. (currently amended) The flue gas washer according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the support ing construction structure is formed by supporting member posts [[16]] which are disposed between adjacent droplet separator packets packs [[15]], respectively.

10. (currently amended) The flue gas washer according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the supporting member posts [[16]] are connected to the separator packets packs [[15]] through flange connections [[18]].

11. (currently amended) The flue gas washer according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the supporting member posts [(16)] carry the spray pipes [(8)] directly.

12. (currently amended) A support ~~ing-construction~~ structure [(7)] for use in a flue gas washer [(1)] according to claim 1.

1 13. (new) In a flue-gas washer having horizontally  
2 spaced supports, an assembly comprising:  
3 a horizontally extending droplet-separator pack having  
4 ends bearing on the supports;  
5 posts fixed in and extending upward and downward from the  
6 pack inward of the supports and forming clear access passages above  
7 the supports between the posts; and  
8 horizontal spray pipes supported on the posts above and  
9 below the packs.

1 14. (new) The assembly defined in claim 13 wherein each  
2 such pack has a pair of the posts extending upward and a pair of  
3 the posts extending downward and each pair of posts carries a  
4 respective one of the horizontal spray pipes.

1 15. (new) The assembly defined in claim 13 wherein the  
2 posts are rods fixed to the pack.

1                   16. (new) The assembly defined in claim 13 wherein the  
2     pack ends are reinforced and box-shaped.

1                   17. (new) The assembly defined in claim 13 wherein each  
2     upper post is aligned vertically with and formed unitarily with the  
3     respective lower post from a single vertical rod centrally fixed in  
4     the respective pack end.

1                   18. (new) The assembly defined in claim 13 wherein each  
2     pack is formed by a plurality of generally vertically extending and  
3     horizontally spaced lamellae.

1                   19. (new) The assembly defined in claim 13 wherein each  
2     post has an inner end fixed to the respective pack end and an  
3     opposite outer end, the assembly further comprising:  
4                   respective carrying elements on the outer ends holding  
5     the spray pipes.